



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2023-085

AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the State recently experienced numerous wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of structures, burnt hundreds of thousands of acres, and displaced many New Mexicans;

WHEREAS, the Governor issued numerous executive orders declaring emergencies relating to some of these wildfires, including Executive Orders 2022-017, 2022-018, 2022-019, 2022-020, 2022-021, 2022-025, 2022-076, 2022-077, and 2022-087;

WHEREAS, two of the larger wildfires, the Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon fires, have left substantial burn scars placing San Miguel County and Mora County at risk of devastating flooding;

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Department of Transportation plays a vital role in addressing this ongoing emergency with debris removal and flood response assistance for Mora County and San Miguel County roads and property;

WHEREAS, the previous funding authorized to address this emergency is nearly depleted, but the urgent need for the Department of Transportation's assistance remains; and

WHEREAS, the continuing emergency is of such magnitude as to require the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic or physical harm, and it remains necessary to take immediate action necessary to protect the peace, health, and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Howie Morales, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Mexico and acting Governor pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** an emergency situation exists and **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) to the Department of Transportation in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. Such funds shall be expended for the purposes of avoiding or minimizing economic and physical harm; protecting the public health, safety, and welfare; and providing emergency and disaster relief, including, but not limited to, the payment of any expenses incident to the provision of humanitarian relief and other assistance to civil authorities. Such funds shall be paid out upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of Finance and Administration upon vouchers approved by the Governor or her Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER ORDER and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until all authorized funds are expended or no longer necessary to provide emergency assistance.

ATTEST:



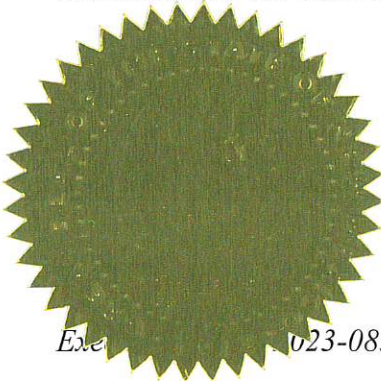
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2023

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



HOWIE MORALES
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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